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TAGS: PFOR, NATO, PARM, RO

SUBJECT: BALKAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

1. IN NOVEMBER 18 MEETING OF NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE, DUTCH REP (HORAK) NOTED THAT ROMANIANS HAD INFORMALLY CIRCULATED AT UN DRAFT RESOLUTION FAVORING BALKAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. DUTCH REP ASKED HOW OUR ALLIES-PARTICULARLY GREEKS AND TURKS- WOULD REACT TO ROMANIAN PROPOSAL.

2. TURKISH REP ((34-)0) SAID TURKEY HAD IN PAST BEEN NEGATIVE TO BALKAN NFZ INITIATIVES.

3. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) SAID GOI BELIEVED BALKAN NFZ CONCEPT TO BE "PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS", SIMILAR TO EQUALLY RISKY PREVIOUS INITIATIVES ON MEDITERRANEAN AND ADRIATIC DEMILITARIZED ZONES. FERRETTIN SAID THAT, BY GEOGRAPHICAL CRITERIA, EASTERN ITALY COULD BE CONSIDERED PART OF BALKANS THUS BRINGING PRESSURE TO DENUCLEARIZE ADRIATIC AND EASTERN ITALY. MOREOVER, SAID FERRETTI, SOME CURRENT LAW OF THE SEA INTERPRETATIONS WOULD
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REQUIRE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE ADRIATIC THUS MAKING DEFENSE IMPOSSIBLE ON NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK. ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS HAD PROMPTED ITALY IN PAST TO SUPPORT NEGATIVE ISRAELI REACTION TO PREVIOUS

MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSALS.
FERRETTIN SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE
ROMANIANS FROM FURTHER PURSUIT OF THEIR INITIATIVE
SINCE THERE ARE STATES IN ITS PRESUMED ZONE OF COVERGE WHICH
COULD NOT ACCPET PROPOSAL.

4. IN RESPONDING TO LATTER POINT, PLADS CHAIRMAN (JUNGL
CITED PARA 12 OF REPORT OF OCTOBER 2-3 NATO DISARMAMENT
EXPERTS MEETING WHICH STATES INTER ALIA THAT "... THE SECURITY
INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED COULD NOT ACCEPT ATTEMPTS
BY COUNTRIES DESIROUS OF ESTABLISHING SUCH ZONES TO EXTEND THEM
TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA UNWILLING TO PARTICIPATE, OR
TO INCLUDE N SUCH ZONES AREAS OVER WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS
HAVE NO TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION".

5. COMMENT: WOULD APPREICATE ANY BACKGROUND
DEPARTMENT AND/OR USUN MAY HAVE ON ROMANIAN NFZ PROPOSAL.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS THEME REFLECTED IN
DISARMAMENT EXPERTS REPORT IN ANY FUTURE
POLADS DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE ON ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH US
TO MAKE. END COMMENT.
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